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Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith

Team,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I'd like to personally thank each of you for all your hard work and dedication in meeting the demands that are placed upon us every day in support the Fleet, Fighter and Family. It is because of your spirit and commitment to doing your best that we are able to succeed. I have had the privilege to witness much of the work you do first-hand during my travels throughout this past year and I look forward to continuing to connect with you in 2016.

In November, we recognized a variety of events, including Native American Heritage, Military Child, and Wounded Warrior month. On Veterans Day I had the privilege of speaking at the Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor Foundation luncheon here in Washington, D.C. It was an absolute honor to recognize our warriors on such a hallowed day for our Nation. The value CNIC's Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor program brings to these brave men and women and their families is deeply appreciated by those who are enrolled, and I commend everyone across the enterprise who has contributed to this important mission.

With the holidays upon us, it is easy to get caught in the social engagements and festivities, or traveling to see loved ones. These events can also come with some added stress – I ask that while we take time to relax that we also keep an eye on our shipmates to ensure we all are able to enjoy this time of year. I would be remiss if I did not ask each of us to pause to keep those deployed away from their family, friends, and loved ones in our thoughts during the holiday season as they stand ready to defend our freedom.

As we continue to monitor the news about the recent terrorist attacks in Paris and California, and threats made against the United States and other nations, I ask that you continue to remain vigilant; that you maintain a heightened sense of awareness. Know your surroundings as you venture out, and become familiar with the tips and helpful information offered on the Department of Homeland Security website outlining their “See Something, Say Something” campaign at www.dhs.gov.

Looking ahead into the New Year, I am confident we will continue to provide first class service to the fleet through the relationships we build and maintain with one another and our external stakeholders. Working together, we will focus on our FY16 objectives, live by the values of our guiding principles, and continue to make the Navy better for the Fleet, Fighter, and Family.

Lastly, a hearty congratulations to the teams at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and Naval Air Station Whiting Field – the winners of the 2015 Large and Small Shore Installation Excellence Awards. They stand as stellar examples of the hard work the entire enterprise puts forth so that the Navy is able to meet its mission 24/7/365. Bravo Zulu!

Kiki and I wish each of you a very blessed, happy and healthy holiday season. Here's to 2016!

All the best,
VADM Dixon Smith



Navy's 2016 Installation Excellence Award Winners Announced

From Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

The Navy's annual Installation Excellence Award winners were announced by Commander, Navy Installations Command Dec. 1.

This installation excellence award program recognizes the Navy's top three large and small installations, and rewards installation performance consistent with the command's strategic goals and Office of the Secretary of Defense criteria for the DoD-wide Commander in Chief Installation Excellence Awards.

"Competition this year was extremely keen, as each large and small installation nomination package was impressive and spoke to the myriad of great accomplishments that these installation teams have made. I am proud of their collective accomplishments, outstanding leadership and world class support to the fleet, fighter, and family," said the Commander, Navy Installations Command, Vice Adm. Dixon Smith.

NAS Whidbey Island will repre-

sent the Navy in competition with other military services for the Department of Defense Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence, which recognizes outstanding efforts in the operations and maintenance of U.S. military installations.

"Congratulations go out to Capt. Nortier and all the men and women of NAS Whidbey Island who worked tirelessly to make this happen," said Smith.

The Navy's Top Installation Winners:

Large:

1st Place: Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (Capt. M. K. Nortier commanding)

2nd Place: Naval Air Station Lemoore (Capt. M. G. Ashliman commanding)

3rd Place: Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (Capt. J. W. Jenks commanding)

Small:

1st Place: Naval Air Station Whiting Field (Capt. T. Bahlau commanding)

2nd Place: Naval Air Facility El Centro (Capt. W. C. Doster commanding)

3rd Place: Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg (Capt. R. Geisler commanding)



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NSA Souda Bay Trains

SOUDA BAY, Greece — Firefighters assigned to U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay conduct a training exercise on a class A live fire trainer as part of a demonstration for host nation firefighters. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay's mission is to provide support and security to U.S. and allied ships as well as aircraft transiting or operating in the eastern Mediterranean region. (U.S. Navy photo by Heather Judkins/Released)

Ethics Corner

Politics – at Work: More than Just an Impolite Dinner Topic

Two junior Service officers stationed at an overseas base violated the Hatch Act and UCMJ articles when they sent out unsolicited political emails from their government email accounts. The emails supported the President and lambasted other Congressmen whose politics they didn't agree with. The emails caught the attention of a retired military officer, who received the messages stateside. When the retiree complained about the officers using government email accounts for political purposes, the two officers engaged in a scathing email back-and-forth, telling the retiree at one point, "The sooner you and people like you die off, the better." The officers received corrective action within the Service including verbal counseling.



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Pearl Harbor Colors Ceremony Honors Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day and Wounded Warriors

By Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Pearl Harbor monthly honors and heritage “morning colors” ceremony was held at the Pacific National Monument Visitor Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Nov 19.

The ceremony this month was held to celebrate the Marine Corps 240th birthday (Nov. 10), Veterans Day and Wounded Warrior Care Month.

“Number one, we were honored to do the ceremony today with Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day, and some distinguished guests,” said Master Sgt. Salvatore Cardella United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Public Affairs Chief. “It’s always good to come out here when veterans come to visit to showcase and remind everybody that we are still here in Hawaii.”

The event featured the United States Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band and was attended by special guests, which included veteran Pearl Harbor Survivor Delton ‘Wally’ Walling, as well as wounded service members in honor of Wounded Warrior Care Month.

“The ceremony was very insightful, and I enjoyed getting to see veterans and survivors in person because it makes me remember why I’m fighting, why I keep going,” said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Danielle Donnell assigned to Fleet

Area Control and Surveillance Facility Pearl Harbor. “And the Marine band was awesome they did a great job, my daughter was jamming.”

After the ceremony, Wally told sea stories as a gathering of Navy, Marine Corps and civilian spectators listened.

According to Cardella, it is important to have these monthly colors ceremonies open to public to bring military and civilians closer together,

and remind everyone that we are still here to serve.

“It gives them an opportunity to talk to us face to face,” said Cardella. “It gives us an opportunity to get close to the civilian population that might not be aware of what the Marine Corp does what the Navy does, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard and some of the great things that our young people today are doing. And they will pass that on.”



U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific Color Guard parades the colors during a Pearl Harbor honors and heritage “morning colors” ceremony at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Visitor Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The monthly ceremony was held in honor of the Marine Corps 240th birthday, as well as Veterans Day and Wounded Warrior Care Month. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Gabrielle Joyner/Released)



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Navy Gold Star Program Provides Support to Snowball Express

By Ed Wright, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

The Navy Gold Star Program steams into Dallas, Texas, Dec. 12-17, in support of the annual Snowball Express.

Since 2006, the mission of Snowball Express has been a simple one; to provide hope and make new happy memories for the children of military fallen heroes who have died while on active duty since 9/11. The five-day, all-expense paid, event gives military children and their parents an experience filled with activities, like sporting events, dances, amusement parks and more.

"This is the second year that the Navy Gold Star program will participate in this five day event," said Lisa Bauch, Navy Gold Star program analyst. "The attendance by Navy Gold Star with this event allows our program staff to connect with Navy survivors and build relationships with

this very special group of people."

Bauch said that the Navy Gold Star staff joins over 1,700 military family members and assists in creating opportunities for joy, friendship, education, and communal healing by connecting these families to one another.

"By participating in Snowball Express the hope is that each child feels

special and is provided an opportunity to share their feelings about losing something as precious as a parent," said Bauch.

Connect to the Navy Gold Star Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NavyGoldStar> to see daily updates directly from Snowball Express.



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Grand Opening in Singapore

Commander Brendon Oakley, left, commanding officer of the New Zealand Defence Support Unit, South East Asia and U.S. Navy Capt. Scott Murdock, commanding officer of Navy Region Center Singapore cuts a ceremonial ribbon to commemorate the grand opening of Cafe Lah. (U.S. Navy photo by Marc Ayalin/Released)

Top Tips for Safe Online Holiday Shopping

From National Cyber Security Alliance: <https://www.staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/resources/top-tips-for-safe-online-holiday-shopping/>

Before you start your holiday shopping, remember to **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.:** Make sure security measures are in place, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

Keep a Clean Machine

All the devices you use for shopping - including smartphones and tablets - should have up-to-date software including security software, operating systems, programs and apps.

Think Before you Act

Be wary of communications that offer amazing deals that sound too good to be true, implore you to act immediately - including those about a problem with an order or payment or ask you to view the website via a provided link.

Make Sure the Site is Legitimate

This includes a closed padlock on your web browser's address bar or a URL address that begins with `https` or `https`. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured. For new sites, check online reviews.

Use Safe Payment Options

Credit cards are generally the safest option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product isn't delivered or isn't what was ordered. Credit cards may have a limit on the monetary amount you will be responsible for paying. Never send cash through the mail or use a money-wiring service.

When in Doubt, Throw it Out

Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.

Get Savvy about Wi-Fi Hotspots

Don't share personal or financial information over an unsecured network (a connection that doesn't require a password for access). Using the direct web access on your phone (via a 3G/4G connection) is safer than an unsecured wireless network when on your mobile device.

Protect your Personal Information

Be alert to the kinds of information being collected to complete the transaction. Make sure the information requested is only that needed to complete the transaction. Only fill out required fields on checkout forms. Check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used.

Keep a Paper Trail

Save records of your online transactions, including the product description, price, online receipt, terms of the sale, and copies of email exchanges with the seller. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there aren't any unauthorized charges. If there is a discrepancy, call your bank and report it immediately.



Navy Honors Gold Star Survivor After 40 Years

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Derek A. Harkins, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 Public Affairs

Throughout the history of the United States Navy, many Sailors have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. Those heroes leave behind family members, such as parents and spouses, who carry their memory with them in their hearts.

They do not carry this weight alone.

The U.S. Navy established the Navy Gold Star (NGS) Program, Oct. 1, 2014, to provide continuing support for surviving family members of Sailors who lost their lives while serving in an active duty status.

Cheryl Caleca is one of those family members. She is the surviving spouse of Petty Officer 2nd Class Curtis Griggry, who served aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS George Washington (SSBN 598) and lost his life in a motor vehicle accident, Nov. 1, 1975, while on active duty.

Lt. Cmdr. Juan Cometa, a Navy chaplain, presented a Navy Gold Star next of kin of deceased personnel lapel button and an American flag to Caleca on behalf of the Navy, during an NGS-coordinated ceremony aboard the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Hampton (SSN 767).

"I think the Gold Star program is fantastic," said Caleca. "I didn't even know this existed before. Then all of a sudden I'm on a submarine, getting a flag and a pin. I am really humbled by all of it. 40 years ago, we didn't have anything like this program. Things have really come a long way."

The Navy Gold Star next of kin lapel button depicts a gold star in a circle, commemorating honorable



Navy Gold Star Program coordinator Sabrina Griffin, left, Navy Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Juan Cometa, Gold Star spouse Cheryl Caleca, and Cmdr. Theron Davis, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Hampton (SSN 767), pose for a group photo after a ceremony honoring Caleca's late husband's service after 40 years. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Derek A. Harkins/Released)

service. Four sprigs of oak surround the circle and represent the branches of the armed forces, a decoration introduced by the military in 1977 as a symbol of honor for survivors of deceased service members. While this decoration is normally presented to surviving family members during military funerals, it may also be presented retroactively for service members who lost their lives at any time after March 29, 1973.

"Petty Officer Griggry is not forgotten," said Cometa, who officiated the ceremony. "One thing I love about America is that we never forget those who have served their country."

Cmdr. Theron Davis, Hampton's commanding officer, presented Caleca with a command coin following the ceremony.

"It doesn't matter if it was five years ago, 20 years ago or 40 years ago," said Davis. "We are still one force and always together. We showed that today."

Caleca reached out to Sabrina Griffin, an NGS coordinator, who learned Caleca had not received a ceremonial flag or button following

the death of her husband in 1975. Griffin contacted Submarine Squadron 11 to create an opportunity to honor Griggry's service on board a submarine.

"I was happy, shocked, surprised and elated that the Navy would do this after so many years," said Caleca.

Griffin and 17 other NGS coordinators are located at Navy installations across the United States. They work with Fleet and Family Support Centers to assist surviving family members in receiving benefits and resources for which they are eligible.

"The flag and pin was something we wanted to make sure she had," said Griffin. "We've been really influential in getting Ms. Caleca the support that she needs."

Navy Gold Star
is a program under Commander,
Navy Installations Command.

For more information call
1-888-509-8759 or visit
<http://www.navygoldstar.com/>



Winter Holiday Hazards

SafeTips from the Naval Safety Center

Quick and easy summaries to find out about something new you're doing or as a refresher for something you haven't done in a while. They're a great training tool to pass around at meetings, through e-mail, or post on bulletin boards.

As exciting as the winter holidays are, keep in mind that decorating and entertaining can increase the risk for home fires and personal injuries. Celebrate with care by following these safety tips:

- ◆ When shopping for a Christmas tree, choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Keep the tree at least three feet away from any heat source and make sure it does not block an exit. Check the tree stand daily and add water as necessary.
- ◆ If you plan on stringing outdoor lights, do it on a clear day. Use a ladder and safety harness if you intend to decorate the roof and second-story windows.
- ◆ If going out to enjoy the wintry outdoors, such as going for a brisk walk or playing in the snow, dress properly to avoid frostbite and hypothermia. Make sure you tell someone where you are headed, how long you will be gone, and your estimated time of return.
- ◆ Holiday shopping traffic jams, sudden storms and detours might mean that you have to spend much longer than you planned in your car. It can take two to three hours to drive as little as 15 miles on an icy road. Put together a winter-driving kit, including a pair of gloves, a warm hat, and a blanket.
- ◆ Guests and family members who are staying over-night may be travelling with medications. Make sure they are securely stored (in the guestroom medicine cabinet or a designated container) and out of reach of children and pets.
- ◆ Keep walkways clear of snow and ice to avoid slips, trips and falls. When clearing the pathway, use proper shoveling techniques to avoid hurting yourself: keep your back straight, bend at the knees, lift with your legs, and don't overdo it.
- ◆ After opening gifts, don't toss wrapping paper into the fire to avoid the risk of flash-fire. Use fire kindling and split firewood. Also ensure that the chimney is swept and well-maintained before lighting it up.

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New Homeport for USS Theodore Roosevelt

SAN DIEGO — Sailors, Marines, friends and family wait on the pier while the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) moors to the pier at her new homeport. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Chad M. Trudeau/Released)



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Navy Region Center Singapore Forms Housing Partnership, Eases Quality of Life Burdens

By Marc Ayalin, Public Affairs Office, Navy Region Center Singapore

Navy Region Center Singapore recently signed a rental partnership agreement with the Far East Organization, a Singaporean corporate leasing company that will provide additional rental and leasing options for military service members, DoD civilians and families relocating to Singapore.

The partnership falls in line with the U.S. Navy's Rental Partnership Program (RPP) which is designed to provide service members with suitable and affordable off-base housing and aid in defraying some of the costs incurred by relocation, according to Tacoma Anderson, acting housing director for Navy Region Center Singapore.

"The Rental Partnership Program provides a great opportunity for the local Singaporean community and the service members, Department of Defense civilians and families to enter into leases with a win-win for both parties," Anderson said. "The partner gets quality renters who will have set rental periods of three years or more depending on the individual renter."

Typically, in Singapore, leasing and renting property can set military service members, DoD civilians and families back approximately 12-to-18 thousand U.S. dollars, which includes providing local landlords or leasing agencies with two months deposit and the first month's rent. These challenges were identified by NRCS's housing office staff members over a year ago and, as a result, the office sought solutions to alleviate the problem. Additional challenges were identified by the NRCS



Dulcy Stout (left), a clinical counselor and family advocate for Navy Region Center Singapore, and Tan Chi Yi, marketing executive and team leader for Far East Organization, inspect the outside entrance to the family/living room of an apartment complex being considered for lease. (Official U.S. Navy photo by Marc Ayalin)

housing staff and included:

- High cost of rents
- Renter must pay pro-rated agent fee if moving out early
- The inflexibility towards shorter leases (2-years is the standard)
- The "added charges" (Air condition maintenance, drapery cleaning, cost of repairs)
- The time it takes to receive any funds owed at end of lease
- Mandatory 60 days notice on intent to vacate

Meanwhile, the new partnership and agreement between NRCS and Far East Organization is good for one year but may be renewed up to three years. Within this agreement significant clauses were included and the benefits of the new partnership include:

- Ease of paperwork, only a one-page reservation form is required.
- Ease of upfront payment, only

\$500 reservation fee is required and one-month security deposit (versus the standard two months).

- Speed of refund of the security deposit within 15 days versus 30 days from the check-out date.
- Value-added services provided such as servicing of the air-con units and dry clean of curtains.
- The master tenancy agreement has been cleared by US Navy, thus significant time savings is accomplished without a need to negotiate on the Tenancy Agreement and a peace of mind that the interest of the personnel is taken care of.

Another important aspect to highlight is that Far East offers the military service members, DoD civilian and families more than 90 properties totaling more than 1,400 units island wide.

Holiday Resilience

Things Aren't Always What They Appear – Reach Out to Your Friend Today

By Sarah Heynen, Defense Centers of Excellence Public Affairs

Plato taught us, “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” It’s not always easy to recognize those who are struggling, particularly in the age of social media when many share only their happiest moments and greatest accomplishments. According to some studies, social media can have a negative impact on mental health, increasing anxiety and depression. On the flip side, social media can be a powerful tool to reach out to someone to show that you care, to connect after deployment or relocation and to build community.

“Be kind,
for everyone you
meet is fighting
a hard battle.”

— PLATO

Here are five ideas to let others know you care:

1. Create a message of hope. The Military Crisis Line created an image and quote generator to help make it a little easier to create inspiring images to share with friends and family (a tool that is particularly helpful for those less artistically inclined). If you don’t want to create an image, head over to the DCoE page on Pinterest to share inspirational quotes.
2. Share heartfelt videos. The #PowerofOne video is a moving video created by the Department of Veterans Affairs that shows the impact that one person can have on another. Share it on your social media channels.
3. “Chat” or direct message. Most social media channels have a way to privately direct-message or chat with another user. A simple, “Hi. How are you?” can go a long way. Stickers and emojis never hurt either. ;-)
4. Write on your friend’s wall or tag him in a post. It can be fun to share an ‘On this day’ memory or upload a #TBT photo. Sound complicated? A simple note saying you care works too!
5. See something, say something. If you notice that a friend or family member is posting unusually sad and hopeless comments, images or quotes, or posting them more frequently, let him or her know you care. Reach out through the platform or pick up the phone to call them. If the post seems to suggest that there is imminent danger, immediately call the Military Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 and press one, or dial 911. Facebook also has a feature to report suicidal content.

Whether online or offline, peer support can make a huge difference in all of our lives. Take a few minutes to reach out to someone you care about today.

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/ActiveDuty.aspx>



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Misawa Holds Annual Turkey Feed

From Naval Air Facility Misawa Public Affairs

Naval Air Facility Misawa E-7 and above Sailors hosted the annual "Turkey Feed" for all Navy members in Misawa to kick off the holiday season, Nov. 20.

More than 40 of the senior Sailors cooked 23 turkeys and 23 hams for the event, along with all of the standard holiday side dishes, for more than 300 Sailors and their families.

"This was a great opportunity for everyone involved," said Navy Counselor 1st Class Richard Effah. "This is my second year with the event and hopefully won't be the last. I was happy to see all Navy together enjoying themselves."

The turkey feed provided an opportunity to bring a little bit of home overseas for a lot of the Sailors that are spending this season apart from their families.

"It's hard to be a Sailor stationed overseas and being apart from your loved ones, especially during the holiday season," said Effah. "This definitely helps out with that homesickness and also provides that sense of family here in Misawa."

The family mentality is evident on Misawa Air Base, where there are only about 700 Sailors.

"We are a family, so we come together as one," said Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Peter Donaldson. "If they can't get home to get it for the

holidays, you can be sure they will get it here from us."

The entire event took a month to plan and collect donations.

"It was a great success," said Donaldson. "Tons of food and smiling faces of Sailors, friends and family."



Lt. Jose Acay, attached to Naval Air Facility Misawa, poses for a picture with one of the 23 turkeys prepared at this year's Misawa Turkey Feed. The event provided a Thanksgiving meal for over 300 Sailors at Misawa Air Base. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Samuel Weldin/Released)

MWR Snowshoe Trek

PARADISE, Wash. — Sailors, civilians and Department of Defense employees traverse snow fields during a morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) snowshoe trek at Mt. Rainier National Park. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Seth Coulter/Released)



Employees at the Lodging Appreciation Day Worldwide Celebrations!

From Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Navy lodging professionals from the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (NGIS), Navy Getaways (NG), and Navy Fisher House (FH) gathered at the local installation level to celebrate the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Navy Lodging Appreciation Day, Nov. 18. The gathering was to honor recipients of the CNIC Lodging Accreditation Program and the Employee Recognition Program awards.

“The CNIC Lodging Program is a dynamic program. It has been an amazing year for the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, Navy Getaways and Navy Fisher House,” said Ms. Tamera Davis, CNIC Lodging Program Director. “Together we look forward to the continued growth. Thank you everyone for a fantastic year.”

The CNIC Lodging Accreditation Program focuses on the importance of achieving the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of the Navy (DoN) Lodging Standards. The accreditation program ensures consistent superior management in all functional areas at every NGIS, NG and FH lodging operations. Performance is measured based on operational and program standards.



Members of Gateway Inns & Suites and Navy Getaways celebrate during a Navy Lodging Appreciation Day event outside on Naval Air Station Key West, Fla. (U. S. Navy Photo)

The CNIC Lodging Accreditation Program identifies two award categories. The first is The Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for Excellence in Lodging Management for operations that exceed standards in customer service, financial management, operations, facilities and the overall success of the Navy lodging service. The second is the CNIC Navy Lodging Accreditation Award for operations that meet the DoD and the DoN lodging standards.

The Employee Recognition Program recognizes individual professional accomplishments in the position of manager, supervisor, associ-

ate, front desk associate, and housekeeper of the year. Individual accomplishments are recognized for demonstrating personal initiative, leadership, and making noteworthy contributions to the program through NGIS, NG and FH. In addition, the program recognizes employees with a Stellar Service Award. This is presented to a civilian employee of NGIS, NG and FH who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, attitude, guest service, and job knowledge as determined by the CNIC Lodging Program team. The award considers all lodging employees in all departments.

Vice Adm. Dixon Smith and the lodging programs leadership expressed their gratitude to the 2015 winners for their dedication and hard work.

Each installation added their own recognitions to the celebrations. Pride of accomplishment, team spirit, and high morale was obvious in the enthusiasm and excitement of all who were present.



Employees from Navy Gateway Inns & Suites in Meridian, Miss. were presented with Shining Star, team player and customer service awards (U. S. Navy Photo)

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Congratulation to the 2015 Winners!

2015 Accreditation Awards

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Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Naval Air Station Jacksonville



NAS Jacksonville receives Accreditation Award. (U. S. Navy Photo)



Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport receives the Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Award (U. S. Navy Photo)

The 2015 Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Award Winners

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulf-
port

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-
Fort Story

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Naval Air Facility Atsugi

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites
Naval Air Station Oceana

Fisher House
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

Stellar Service Awards

Reacus Gibbs

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites,
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

Maritza Rodriguez

Fisher House,
Naval Support Activity Bethesda

Kenny McCune

Navy Getaways,
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New



Manager of the Year

Jose B. Lobo
Navy Gateway Inns & Suites,
Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa



Associate of the Year

Raelene Ray
Navy Gateway Inns & Suites,
Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa



Supervisor of the Year

Yuko Matsuo
Navy Gateway Inns & Suites,
Naval Air Facility Atsugi



Front Desk Associate of the Year

John C. Ingeniero
Navy Gateway Inns & Suites,
Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa



Supervisor of the Year

Tanya N. Byrwa
Navy Gateway Inns & Suites,
Naval Air Station Oceana – Dam Neck Annex



Housekeeper of the Year

Jeannine Lopez
Fisher House,
Naval Medical Center San Diego



At 50, Naval Services FamilyLine Still Going Strong

By Tamara Calandra, Special to Navy Installations Command

As Naval Services FamilyLine (NSFL) celebrates its Golden Anniversary, we look back through the very first newsletters and pictures and think, “You’ve come along way, baby!”

Certainly the hairdos and attire from five decades ago look quite different (Which also makes you wonder what people in 2065 will say about ours). We are no longer the Navy Wifeline Association, but the Naval Services FamilyLine. Instead of printing out and mailing newsletters, you can learn more on our website and find us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We may be just a little less formal ...

However, the organization’s basic mission remains the same: To empower sea service families to meet the challenges of a military lifestyle with information, resources and mentoring. The group was founded a half century ago by spouses for

spouses, and those spouses continue to strengthen one another and provide a solid home front.

NSFL is still comprised of a board of volunteer spouses and remains located on the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. The information booklets and protocol handbook, which were first developed, have grown in size to a “Guideline Series” of topics pertinent to service members and their families. They are sent to Fleet and Family Support Centers, spouse clubs, Family Readiness Groups and other organizations upon request, and can now be downloaded online. The orientation program for new Navy “wives” has developed into the very successful COMPASS program for new “spouses,” offered at bases throughout the world.

The organization has developed the Continuum of Resources and Education (CORE) program. It’s a

network of seminars, workshops, classes, and people dedicated to empowering the Navy spouse, educating the Navy family, and promoting the Navy lifestyle.

We are proud of our Sailors and recognize that their spouses and families serve selflessly alongside them. Our organization continues to exist for the same reasons it was formed 50 years ago.

To quote the 1800s French critic, journalist and author Alphonse Karr, “plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose.” Usually translated as, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” We have come a long way, but perhaps this holds true even more so.

Cheers to Naval Services FamilyLine, and to its future!

Tamara Calandra is the Ombudsman for the Navy Installations Command.



Happy Holidays!



WASHINGTON — First lady Michelle Obama helps sort toys for the Marine Corps Foundation's Toys for Tots drive for the sixth straight year at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. (U.S. Navy photo by Scott Pauley/Released)



PENSACOLA, Fla. — Rear Adm. Mike White, commander of Naval Education and Training Command, lays a wreath at Barrancas National Cemetery on board Naval Air Station Pensacola, in honor of Wreaths Across America, an event held annually to remember, pay tribute and honor fallen veterans. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Kate Meadows/Released)



SINGAPORE — Santa Claus, portrayed by Lt. Cmdr. Edward Cruz Matos, from Destroyer Squadron Seven (COMDESRON 7) applauds with the crowd after lighting the Christmas trees during the annual Navy Region Center Singapore Christmas Tree Lighting Extravaganza. The event gathered more than 150 military service members, DoD civilians and families. The event was hosted by NRCS Morale, Welfare and Recreation and featured various arts and crafts activities, food vendors, and volunteers offering baked goods and iced-chocolate drinks and more. Additionally, free children's books were available for all the kids. (Official U.S. Navy photo by Marc Ayalin)



NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, Japan — Julie Poorman, right, takes photos of her children with Santa Claus during the installation's annual Holiday Tree lighting. The event also included games, food, bounce houses and the NAF Atsugi Children's Choir. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ryan G. Greene/RELEASED)

... and a Happy New Year!